plaints, letters, memoranda etc. from individuals depositors saving holders and organisations from various parts of the country during 1st January, 1981 to 31st January, 1986 regarding malpractices, illegal transactions, corruption, etc. against the Peerless General Finance Company, a non-banking company of Calcutta;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what action has been taken on such complaints; and

(d) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India have received complains from the Certificate holders of M|s. Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited, Calcutta regarding non-submission of pucca receipts for paid subscriptions endowment Certificates non-payment of surrender value|death claims|maturity claims, etc. during the period from 1.1.1981 to 31.1.1986. These have been brought to the notice of the Company for corrective action.

As the activities of the Company were considered to be covered by the Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978, the State Government of West Bengal had issued a notice to the Company in 1979 under the provisions of the rules framed by the State Government under the aforesaid Act asking the Company to submit statements of particulars and winding up plans. However, the Company *obtained a stay order from the Calcutta High Court.* Hearing in the case filed by the Company in the Calcutta High Court has commenced *and the matter is sub-judice.*

Seizure of Smuggled Foreign Goods in Gujarat

1639. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggled foreign goods and other articles were seized during 1st January, 1985 to 5th February, 1986 from Salaya, Porbandar, Mahuva Bhavnagar, Saurashtra and Kutch in Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many persons have been detained in this connection; and

(d) what concrete steps have been taken to minimise such illegal activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (d) During the period from 1.1.1985 to 5.2.1986, contraband goods worth Rs. 11 crores were seized from Salaya, Porbandar, Mahuva, Bhavnagar and other parts in Saureshtra and Kutch in Gujarat. Gold, wrist watches, fabrics, Indian currency, etc. were the main commodities seized.

(c) During the period from 1.1.85 to 5.2.86, 112 persons were detained under the COFEPOSA Act, 1974.

(d) Anti-smuggling drive in the region has been intensified. The trends in smuggling and seizures made are also kept under constant review for taking appropriate remedial measures in close coordination with the concerned Central and State Government authorities.

Stringent action is taken against persons found involved in smuggling activities both departmentally as well as through prosecution in Courts. Apart form confiscation of goods involved and imposition of personal penalties in appropriate cases, preventive detention under the COFEPOSA Act is also resorted to.

Introduction of Computers in Banks

1640. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of different types of computers that have been introduced at present in various nationalised banks;

(b) what is the future programme in this regard;

(c) what is its effect on the working efficiency of the banks; and

(d) whether the introduction of computers has affected the present employees and also the future employment openings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Information regarding the number of computers installed in the various Public